

**St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church – Finance Council Minutes**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

March 23, 2023

**Attendance:**

**Priest(s):**

Fr. Kenneth Halbur	x	Fr. Ryan Andrew	x
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**Members:**

Andrew Gall		Kyle Wehr	x	Kevin Fisher	x
Bruce Mehlhop	x	Dustyn Curran	x	Andrea Daniel	x
Jimmy Becker	x	Anna Schaffer	x	Daniel Kunkel	x

**Trustee(s):**

Dana Bastian		Bruce Mehlhop	x
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The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm. Opening Prayer by Fr Ken.

**Overall Updates:**

- Parish –
  - HVAC is fixed and they have agreed to remove labor from the bill (~\$3k). They are also going to have someone (either one of the installers or one of the LG reps) come to check out the system, especially the unit that keeps failing
  - ADA – discussions occurring related to the \$30k proposed increase for next year. Since the agreement for the ADA freeze was verbal, and there have been personnel changes, this was not realized when guidance was set. However, we are hopeful they will reduce the increase from \$30k.
- School –
  - Currently 335 signed up for next year, though we have heard of a few that may not actually come back so it might be a few less than that
  - For next year we are currently full in 5<sup>th</sup>, close in 7<sup>th</sup>, and only 5 spots left in Kindergarten, so we are currently placing non-parishoners on a waitlist for Kindergarten
  - We started this year at 306, went down to 305, up to 309 now

**Review & Approve:**

- Meeting Minutes – Approved via email.
- Financials – (02.28.23) - Approve; motion: Kyle; second: Kevin
  - Acct 2105 Parish Credit Card funds held for others (was Fr Adam’s personal card) has been the same for a long time – it increased \$220 this month...why? Fr Ken will follow up with Annette
  - \$64k balance in Bldg Fund CDARS – question was raised on whether it should be used to pay off the rectory. Might as well wait...it will be paid off by end of year anyway.
    - These funds are for debt reduction, so after rectory is paid off, we can use to pay off the mortgage (cannot use for future debt)
  - \$30k Registration Fees Deposit – early school registration (money down to hold a student’s spot)
  - Fund Raising Income – Annette often puts in the gross income, then in future months it drops as expenses are paid out
  - This group has oversight over auxillary groups – are we taking oversight for them?
    - With the FSA (school side when we switch to the region), we are still discussing what this will look like
    - For Oxtoberfest there are discussions with Fr Ken related to income and approval for spending (eg – St Luke statue and vestments) – currently we still have \$3k we can spend

**Topics:**

- 2024 Budget - See Kyle’s file for details regarding increases/decreases from current year

- 2 Proposals – one at 5% Tithe of the Tithe and one at 10% Tithe of the Tithe
- Tithe of the Tithe – 5 to 10% of income coming in would go back out to other social justice charities – took to \$0 during COVID, and we have been bringing it back and are currently 5%
- Plan is to approve the budget at our next meeting
- Cash Management – funds moved to CDARS in March, approved via email

Motion to adjourn – Approve; motion: Kyle; second: Anna

Closing prayer by Father Ryan.